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LETTER DATED 2 NOVEMBER 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF VENEZUELA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The purpose of this communication is to reiterate the concern of the Government of Venezuela about the grave humanitarian situation in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina involving violations of human rights and disregard of the dispositions of the Security Council by various factions operating in the territory of that country.

I wish in particular to repeat the proposal which Venezuela made during the informal consultations in the Council that it would be useful for the Council to receive constantly updated information from the Secretariat to enable it to assess the reports it receives of violations of resolution 781 (1992) banning military flights in the airspace of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Venezuela believes that such reports should be verified and that, if their accuracy is independently verified, the measures envisaged in the resolution should be put into effect. Venezuela cannot associate itself - and it wishes to place this fact on record - with a failure to act which may compromise the objectivity of the Security Council or the credibility of its decisions.

In this context, we note that the Council requested its President to convey to the Secretary-General its concern to prevent such a perception arising simply because the Council is not being constantly furnished with the latest information, for that would certainly damage its capacity to discharge its weighty responsibilities both in this case and in other similar situations. I should be grateful if you would have this communication circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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